

## 247 CMR 3.00: PERSONAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

### Section

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#### 3.01: Examination for Personal Registration as a Pharmacist

In order to be registered as a pharmacist by examination by the Board, an applicant must meet the requirements set forth in 247 CMR 3.01(1) or (2).

##### (1) Graduates of ACPE-accredited and Board-approved colleges/schools of pharmacy:

(a) An applicant shall be eligible for examination for personal registration as a pharmacist provided the applicant:

1. is 18 years old by the scheduled date of the examination applied for;
2. has earned a qualifying degree in pharmacy ~~graduated~~ from a college/school of pharmacy accredited by the ACPE or approved by the Board;
3. has acquired no less than 1500 hours of practical experience as a pharmacy intern under the supervision of a Board-approved pharmacist preceptor, of which at least 1000 hours must be completed in a pharmacy or pharmacy related setting, as set forth in 247 CMR 8.01; and
4. ~~shall be~~ is of good moral character.

(b) An applicant shall properly apply to take the NABPLEX and the ~~Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination~~ MPJE. A completed application for examination shall:

1. be fully and correctly completed by the applicant;
2. ~~have affixed thereto~~ include a recent passport-size photograph of the applicant showing the applicant's likeness;
3. ~~have affixed thereto~~ include a certified birth certificate or other sufficient proof of place and date of birth;
4. in the case of a name change, ~~have attached thereto~~ include a written notification to the Board or the Board's designee of such name change; and

5. be accompanied by a check or money order in the proper amount made payable, ~~in the proper amount, to the Board's designee as directed appears on the examination application form; and~~

6. be filed with the Board or Board-approved testing service ~~no later than 45 days before the scheduled date of the examination applied for.~~

(c) An applicant for personal registration as a pharmacist ~~shall~~ must pass both the following ~~two designated parts of the Board's examination:~~

~~1. The NABPLEX; and~~

~~2. the Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination~~ MPJE.

(d) To qualify licensure, ~~an In order to achieve a passing score on the examination for personal registration, the applicant~~ must ~~shall~~ achieve ~~an overall score of not less than 75%, as well as a~~ NAPLEX score of not less than 75% and an MPJE score of not less than 75% . ~~in the each of the two designated parts.~~

(e) An applicant who fails to achieve a passing score on either or both NAPLEX or MPJE ~~or both parts of the Board's examination for personal registration~~ may be re-examined on either or both examinations ~~parts~~ provided that the applicant submits a new application for examination to the Board or Board-approved testing service, accompanied by a check or money order made payable, in the proper amount, to the Board's designee as appears on the examination application form. ~~This application shall be filed with the Board or Board-approved testing service no later than 45 days before the scheduled date of the examination applied for.~~

(f) An applicant who fails either NAPLEX or MPJE ~~portion of the Board's examination for personal registration shall~~ must re-apply and sit for the ~~portion of the examination which the applicant failed within one year of the administration date of the original examination in order for both portions of the examination scores to be considered together. If the applicant does not pass both the NAPLEX and the Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination~~ MPJE within this one-year period, the applicant ~~shall~~ must apply to retake both NAPLEX and MPJE ~~portions of the examination.~~

(g) ~~An applicant who fails either of the two designated parts of the examination for personal registration may request a rescoring of either portion of the examination provided the applicant meets the following requirements:~~

~~1. The applicant submits a written request for handscoring to the Board-approved test ing service which processed the examination, which request must be approved by the Board;~~

~~2. the applicant submits a check or money order in the correct amount made payable to the testing service; and~~

~~3. the written request for rescoring is received by the testing service no later than 60 days from the date on which the examination was administered.~~

(2) Graduates of non-approved colleges/schools of pharmacy:

(a) In order for a graduate of a non-approved college/school of pharmacy to be eligible to apply for examination for personal registration as a pharmacist, the applicant ~~shall~~ must have received Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) Certification from the NABP. ~~The FPGEC Certification consists of the following:~~

- ~~1. acceptable documentation of the applicant's educational background;~~
- ~~2. successful completion of the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE) as determined by the NABP; and~~
- ~~3. successful completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) as determined by the NABP.~~

(b) ~~An application for FPGEC Certification shall include, but may not be limited to, the following documentation, as required by the NABP:~~

- ~~1. The applicant's official application which may be obtained from the NABP;~~
- ~~2. proof of the applicant's identity;~~
- ~~3. the applicant's official transcripts;~~
- ~~4. an official copy of the applicant's pharmacy degree; and~~
- ~~5. where applicable, an official, certified copy of the applicant's pharmacy license issued by the appropriate licensing authority.~~

(c) An applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy shall be eligible for examination for personal registration as a pharmacist provided the following requirements are met:

1. the applicant is 18 years old by the scheduled date of the examination applied for;
2. the applicant has received official FPGEC Certification from the NABP;
3. the applicant has submitted an official copy of the applicant's FPGEC Certificate to the Board;
4. the Board has received official notification from the NABP of the applicant's FPGEC Certification;
- ~~5. the Board has received official copies of the documentation required for FPGEC Certification as outlined in 247 CMR 3.01(2)(b);~~
- ~~6. all documents in a foreign language have been translated into English, certified as being a true translation notarized by an authorized individual and attached to the original; and~~

~~7.~~ 5. the applicant has acquired no less than 1500 hours of practical experience as a pharmacy intern under the supervision of a Board-approved pharmacist preceptor, of which at least 1000 hours must be completed in a pharmacy or pharmacy related setting, as set forth in 247 CMR 8.01.

~~(d-c)~~ An applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy shall properly apply to take the NABPLEX and the MPJE ~~Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination~~. A completed application for examination shall:

1. be fully and correctly completed by the applicant;
2. ~~have affixed thereto~~ include a recent passport-size photograph of the applicant showing the applicant's likeness;
3. ~~have affixed thereto~~ include a certified birth certificate or other sufficient proof of place and date of birth;
4. in the case of a name change, ~~have attached thereto~~ include a written notification to the Board or Board's designee of such name change; and
5. be accompanied by required fee(s) ~~a check or money order made payable, in the proper amount, to the Board's designee as appears on the examination application form; and~~
6. ~~be filed with the Board or Board-approved testing service at least 45 days before the scheduled date of the examination applied for.~~

~~(ed)~~ An applicant for personal registration as a pharmacist who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy must shall pass the NAPLEX and MPJE in accordance with the requirements set forth in 247 CMR 3.01(1)(c) through (f). ~~following two designated parts of the Board's examination:~~

1. ~~The NABPLEX; and~~
2. ~~the Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination~~ MPJE.

~~(f)~~ ~~In order to achieve a passing score on the examination for personal registration, the applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy shall achieve an overall score of not less than 75%, as well as a score of not less than 75% in each of the two designated parts.~~

~~(g)~~ An applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy who fails to achieve a passing score on the examination for personal registration may be re-examined provided that the applicant submits a new application for examination to the Board or Board-approved testing service, accompanied by a check or money order made payable, in the proper amount, to the Board's designee as appears on the examination application form. ~~This application shall be filed with the Board or Board-approved testing service no later than 45 days before the scheduled date of the examination applied for.~~

~~(h) An applicant who fails either portion of the Board's examination for personal registration shall re-apply to take the portion of the examination which the applicant failed within one year of the administration date of the original examination in order for both portions of the examination to be considered together. If the applicant does not pass both the NABPLEX and the Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination MPJE within this one year period, the applicant shall apply to retake both portions of the examination.~~

~~(i) An applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy and who fails either of the two designated parts of the examination for personal registration may request a rescoring of either portion of the examination provided the applicant meets the following requirements:~~

~~1. The applicant submits a written request for handscoring to the Board-approved testing service which processed the examination, which request shall be approved by the Board;~~

~~2. the applicant submits a check or money order in the correct amount made payable to the testing service; and~~

~~3. the written request for rescoring is received by the testing service no later than 60 days from the date on which the examination was administered.~~

(3) The Board may refuse to consider any application that ~~which~~ has not been properly completed.

(4) All fees submitted to the Board in connection with an application for personal registration as a pharmacist, reviewed and acted upon by the Board, are nonrefundable.

### 3.02: Personal Registration by Reciprocity

The Board may grant personal registration as a pharmacist to an applicant who furnishes ~~with his or her application~~ proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has been registered by examination in another state or jurisdiction and that the applicant is in good standing in all states where the applicant holds a registration, provided that such other state or jurisdiction requires a degree of competency equal to that required of applicants in Massachusetts, and provided further that the Board recognizes the other state or jurisdiction for purposes of personal registration by reciprocity.

An applicant who seeks personal registration by reciprocity from the Board shall submit a preliminary application to NABP for license transfer. The NABP, as agent of the Board, shall conduct the preliminary evaluation of an applicant's qualifications for personal registration by reciprocity.

#### (1) General Requirements:

(a) Whenever an applicant has been notified by the NABP that the applicant does not meet the requirements for personal registration by reciprocity, the applicant may in writing request the Board to review the basis of the NABP's decision.

(b) The Board shall make the final determination of any applicant's eligibility to be registered as a pharmacist by reciprocity.

~~(e) An applicant who does not meet the current Board requirements for personal registration by reciprocity shall be advised of the decision of the Board to deny the application and of any action he or she may take to obtain personal registration.~~

~~(c ) (d) An official~~ A reciprocity application for reciprocity shall be valid for one year after the date of approval by the NABP.

~~(e d)~~ All fees submitted to the Board in connection with an application for personal registration by reciprocity, reviewed and acted upon by the Board, are nonrefundable.

(2) Specific requirements for graduates of ACPE-accredited or Board-approved colleges/schools of pharmacy:-

(a) The requirements for the issuance by the Board of a personal registration by reciprocity to an applicant who has graduated from an ACPE-accredited or Board-approved college/school of pharmacy shall include the following:

1. NABP approval;
2. documentation of internship ~~practical~~ experience as required by 247 CMR 8.01;
3. passing score (at least 75%) on the Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination- MPJE; and
4. if requested ~~to do so~~, the applicant shall personally appear before the Board to discuss any matter related ~~germane~~ to the application for ~~personal registration by reciprocity~~.

~~(b) An applicant who seeks personal registration by reciprocity from the Board shall submit to the Executive Director of the NABP a preliminary application for license transfer form entitled "Preliminary Application for Transfer of Pharmaceutic Licensure" available from either the Board or the NABP.~~

~~(c) In order to obtain NABP approval for personal registration by reciprocity:~~

- ~~1. The applicant shall have graduated from a college/school of pharmacy accredited by the ACPE or approved by the Board;~~
- ~~2. the applicant shall have provided documentation, satisfactory to the Board, of good standing in the profession in all states or jurisdictions in which the applicant holds a pharmacy license;~~
- ~~3. the applicant shall be currently licensed in the state or jurisdiction in which the applicant was originally licensed;~~

~~4. the applicant shall have attained a score of not less than 75% on NABPLEX or a nationally recognized qualifying examination for personal registration as a pharmacist which was administered prior to 1980, as determined by the Board;~~

~~5. the applicant shall have submitted all required NABP fees to the NABP; and~~

~~6. the applicant shall have met all other requirements as determined by the NABP.~~

(d) Upon receipt by the Board of evidence of an applicant's NABP approval and the appropriate fee, the applicant ~~shall take and achieve a score of not less than 75% on the Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination~~ may register with NABP to take the MPJE.

(3) Specific requirements for graduates of non-approved colleges/schools of pharmacy:

(a) The requirements for the issuance of a personal registration by reciprocity to an applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy shall include ~~the following~~:

1. Receipt by the Board of an official copy of the applicant's FPGEC Certificate from the NABP;

~~2. NABP approval;~~

~~3. documentation satisfactory to the Board of practical experience as required by 247 CMR 8.01;~~

~~4. passing score (at least 75%) on the MPJE the Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination; and~~

~~5. if requested to do so, the applicant shall personally appear before the Board to discuss any matter related germane to the application for registration by reciprocity.~~

~~(b) An applicant who has graduated from a non-approved college/school of pharmacy who seeks personal registration by reciprocity from the Board shall submit to the Executive Director of the NABP a preliminary application form, entitled "Preliminary Application for Transfer of Pharmaceutic Licensure", available from either the Board or the NABP.~~

~~(c) In order to obtain NABP approval for personal registration by reciprocity:~~

~~1. The applicant shall have received FPGEC Certification from the NABP license;~~

~~3. the applicant must be currently licensed in the state or jurisdiction in which the applicant was originally licensed;~~

~~4. the applicant shall have attained a score of not less than 75% on NABPLEX;~~

~~5. the applicant shall have submitted all required NABP fees to the NABP; and~~

~~6. the applicant shall have met all other requirements as determined by the NABP.~~

~~(d b)~~ Upon receipt by the Board of evidence of an applicant's NABP approval and the appropriate fee(s), the applicant shall take and achieve a score of not less than 75% on the Massachusetts Pharmacy Law Examination must register with NABP to take the MPJE.

### 3.03: Duplicate Certificate of Registration

To request a duplicate certificate of personal registration (wallet card), a registrant shall submit to the a Board-approved form and required documentation. ~~a sworn statement, signed before a notary public, indicating that the registrant's original certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, or that the registrant has changed his or her name. The sworn statement shall explain the circumstances surrounding this event. When the name change is due to marriage, a certified copy of the marriage license shall serve as the sworn statement.~~ In the event that an original certificate of registration is recovered after a duplicate certificate has been issued, the duplicate shall be promptly returned to the Board.

#### REGULATORY AUTHORITY

247 CMR 3.00: M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 24 and 42A.